

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 5 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

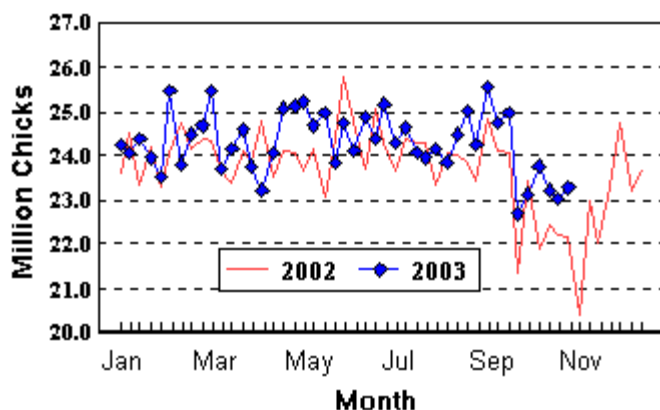
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 23.3 million during the week ending November 8, 2003. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 2002, and up 1 percent from the previous week, and included 2.3 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through November 8, 2003 were 1.09 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 24.1 million, up 7 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.8 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.2 percent.

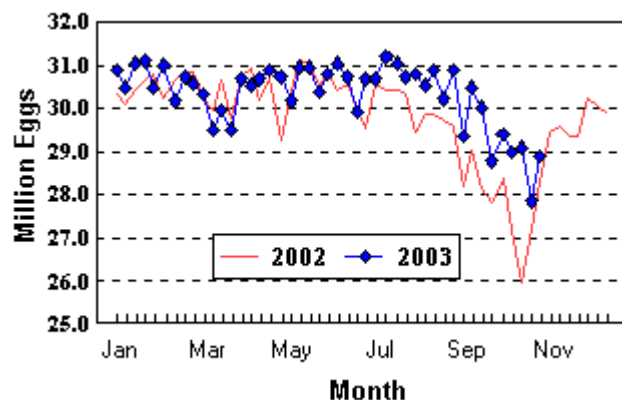
Arkansas hatcheries set 28.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending November 8, 2003, up 2 percent from the same period last year, and up 4 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Oct. 4	21,347	22,702	106	23,261	24,220	104	27,810	28,806	104
Oct. 11	23,404	23,157	99	24,017	25,229	105	28,385	29,386	104
Oct. 18	21,930	23,755	108	23,275	24,796	107	27,187	28,989	107
Oct. 25	22,466	23,230	103	23,102	23,882	103	25,951	29,106	112
Nov. 1	22,202	23,060	104	23,143	24,292	105	27,248	27,849	102
Nov. 8	22,150	23,263	105	22,589	24,131	107	28,284	28,876	102

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2002-2003



EGGS SET, 2002 - 2003



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2003

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	18-Oct	25-Oct	01-Nov	08-Nov		04-Oct	11-Oct	18-Oct	25-Oct	01-Nov	08-Nov	
Alabama	26,185 *	26,822	26,638	28,116	102	20,614	20,421	20,649	21,380	20,866	19,712	99
ARKANSAS	28,989 *	29,106	27,849	28,876	102	22,702	23,157	23,755	23,230	23,060	23,263	105
Delaware	3,181 *	3,233	3,690	3,906	112	4,439	4,553	4,189	4,359	4,616	4,836	92
Florida	1,348 *	1,353	1,353	1,351	62	1,605	1,505	1,876	1,601 *	1,518	1,525	77
Georgia	29,647 *	29,030 *	30,277	31,514	106	24,145	24,338	24,134	24,438 *	25,322 *	23,937	103
Kentucky	5,370	6,025	6,091 *	6,219	100	4,933	5,384	5,488	5,458	5,960 *	4,797	102
Maryland	8,005	7,808	8,840	8,891	90	5,563	5,232	6,308	5,727	5,418	4,490	87
Mississippi	16,983	17,287	16,229	17,295	97	15,221	14,673	14,526	14,925	14,983	14,254	103
N. Carolina	16,290 *	17,291	17,681	17,348	98	13,156	12,575	13,790	13,225	13,155	13,270	104
Oklahoma	6,037	6,505	6,090	5,890	93	5,390	5,769	4,197	3,966	3,924	5,143	124
Pennsylvania	3,362	3,484 *	3,422 *	3,588	108	2,635	2,555	2,542	2,634 *	2,485 *	2,364	103
S. Carolina	3,907	4,206	4,097	4,104	88	4,265	4,188	3,685	4,040	4,196	3,262	86
Texas	12,859 *	12,974 *	14,380 *	14,788	96	11,674 *	10,812 *	11,958 *	11,762 *	11,863 *	10,646	102
Virginia	6,378	6,670	6,205	6,116	102	4,696	4,696	5,069	4,415	5,130	5,168	110
CA, LA, MO, TN, WV	18,915	18,644	19,880	21,333	112	18,163 *	17,680 *	18,111 *	17,733 *	17,728 *	16,640	96
Total 2003	187,456 *	190,438 *	192,722 *	199,335		159,201 *	157,538 *	160,277 *	158,893 *	160,224 *	153,307	
Total 2002	185,654	181,106	189,835	197,676		155,770	154,082	155,782	157,001	155,287	151,790	
% Prev. Year	101	105	102	101		102	102	103	101	103	101	
Approximate Marketing Date 2003.....						22-Nov	29-Nov	06-Dec	13-Dec	20-Dec	27-Dec	

* Revised. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 199 million eggs during the week ending November 8, 2003. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 153 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 8, 2003. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through November 8, 2003 were 7.50 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.